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SUBJ: POSSIBLE COLLAPSE WMO NAOS CONFERENCE

1. CONFERENCE ON BRINK OF FAILURE DUE A) SEVERAL MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS LIMITED TO FIXED CONTRIBUTION NOT RELATED TO A COMMON AGREED SCALE (FRG, ITALY, ESPECIALLY); B) INSISTENCE OF CERTAIN OPERATORS ON FULL RECOVERY OF COSTS (UK); C) MARKET INCREASE IN OPERATING COSTS OVER ICAO SCHEME DUE INFLATION, CURRENCY CHANGES AND ELIMINATION OF COST CEILINGS.

2. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO SUSPENSION OF CONFERENCE FOR SUFFICIENT PERIOD TO PERMIT RE-EXAMINATION OF THESE FIXED POSITIONS THROUGH INFORMAL TALKS.

3. SECRETARIAT WARNED THAT NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR A RESUMED CONFERENCE. ALSO PREDICTED THAT ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SMALLER AND THUS LESS FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NETWORK.

4. "THEORETICAL" EXERCISE ON COMBINATION OF SCALES AGAIN  
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FAILED, LARGELY BECAUSE INTRANSIGENCE OF ITALY AND BELGIUM,

EVEN THOUGH EXERCISE INDICATED THAT POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS  
WOULD EQUAL 93 PERCENT OF ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS.

5. IN MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE FEB 27, CONFERENCE  
CHAIRMAN SET UP COMMITTEE ON ADJOURNMENT TO DRAW UP  
PROPOSALS FOR INDEFINITE SUSPENSION, INTERIM ACTIONS AND  
PROCEDURES FOR RE-CONVENING.

6. IN "LAST DITCH" EFFORT TO RESCUE THE CONFERENCE, SECRETARIAT  
AGREED TO ATTEMPT A REVISED DRAFT THAT WOULD HOPEFULLY  
DEAL SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS OF FINANCIAL  
ARRANGEMENTS, SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS TO OPERATORS.  
TEXT PROMISED BY END OF DAY IN ENGLISH.

7. PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR FEB 28 AFTERNOON TO REVIEW  
SECRETARIAT DRAFT. IF SIGNIFICANT OBJECTION RAISED, IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT REPORT OF ADJOURNMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCUSSED. IF  
ADOPTED, CONFERENCE COULD BE SUSPENDED THAT DATE. DALE

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